

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY****40 CFR Part 52**

[PA 122-4078c; FRL-6182-4]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Interim Final Determination That Pennsylvania Continues To Correct the Deficiencies of its Enhanced I/M SIP Revision; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Interim Final Rule; extension of the comment period.

SUMMARY: In this document, EPA is reopening the comment period for a document published on September 16, 1998 (63 FR 49434). In the September 16 document, EPA made an interim final determination that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has corrected the deficiency under the Clean Air Act for failure to have an approved enhanced I/M SIP. EPA's September 16 interim final rule deferred the application of Clean Air Act sanctions which would otherwise have been implemented on August 29, 1998. Although that action was effective upon its publication, EPA took comments from the public until October 16, 1998. At the request of a commenter, EPA is re-opening the comment period through November 16, 1998. All comments received on or before November 16, 1998 will be entered into the public record and considered by EPA before taking final action on the interim final rule.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Marcia L. Spink, Associate Director, Air Programs, Mailcode 3AP20, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Rehn at (215) 814-2176, or Jill Webster at (215) 814-2033; at the EPA address listed above. Information may also be requested by e-mail at webster.jill@epa.gov. However, comments must be submitted in writing to the EPA address listed above.

Dated: October 22, 1998.

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Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY****40 CFR Parts 52 and 81**

[CT051-7209a; A-1-FRL-6182-2]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans and Designations of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of Connecticut; Approval of Maintenance Plan, Carbon Monoxide Redesignation Plan and Emissions Inventory for the Connecticut Portion of the New York—N. New Jersey—Long Island Area

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Direct final rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is approving a request by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CTDEP) on May 29, 1998 to redesignate the Connecticut portion of the New York—N. New Jersey—Long Island carbon monoxide nonattainment area (hereinafter the southwest Connecticut nonattainment area) from nonattainment to attainment for carbon monoxide (CO). EPA is approving this request which establishes the area as attainment for carbon monoxide and requires the State to implement their 10 year maintenance plan that will insure that the area remains in attainment. Under the Clean Air Act (CAA) as amended in 1990, designations can be revised if sufficient air quality data is available to warrant such revisions. EPA is approving the Connecticut request because it meets the redesignation requirements set forth in the CAA. In this action, EPA is also approving the 1993 periodic emission inventory for CO emissions.

DATES: This action is effective January 4, 1999, unless EPA receives adverse or critical comments by December 2, 1998. Should the Agency receive such comments, it will publish a timely withdrawal informing the public that this rule will not take effect.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Susan Studlien, Deputy Director, Office of Ecosystem Protection (mail code CAA), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, JFK Federal Bldg., Boston, MA 02203-2211. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours, by appointment at the Office of Ecosystem Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, One Congress Street, 11th floor, Boston, MA and the Bureau of Air Management, Department of Environmental Protection, State Office Building, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-1630.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 29, 1998, the State of Connecticut submitted a formal redesignation request consisting of air quality data showing that the southwest Connecticut area is attaining the standard and a maintenance plan with all applicable requirements. In addition, in December, 1996, the State of Connecticut submitted a 1993 periodic carbon monoxide inventory which is also being approved in today's action.

I. Summary of SIP Revision**A. Background**

On March 31, 1978, (See 43 FR 8962), EPA published a rulemaking which set forth the attainment status for all States in relation to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The Connecticut portion of the New York—N. New Jersey-Long Island area was designated as nonattainment for carbon monoxide (CO) through this notice. This includes the municipalities in southwest Connecticut of Bethel, Bridgeport, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Danbury, Darien, Easton, Fairfield, Greenwich, Monroe, New Canaan, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Norwalk, Redding, Ridgefield, Sherman, Stamford, Stratford, Trumbull, Weston, Westport, and Wilton.

In a letter dated March 14, 1991 from the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection to the EPA Administrator, the State recommended that the area be classified as moderate nonattainment for CO. The moderate classification was based on monitoring data measured outside the Connecticut portion of the nonattainment area. Therefore, this area is subject to the requirements of section 187 of the Clean Air Act which sets forth requirements for CO nonattainment areas. The 1990 CAA required such areas to achieve the standard by December 31, 1995 as per CAA section 186 (a)(1). Two one year extensions were granted pursuant to section 186 (a)(4), and the entire New York—N. New Jersey—Long Island Area has been attaining the NAAQS since 1997.

The southwest Connecticut area makes up a portion of the New York—N. New Jersey-Long Island CO nonattainment area. However, EPA has determined that Connecticut can